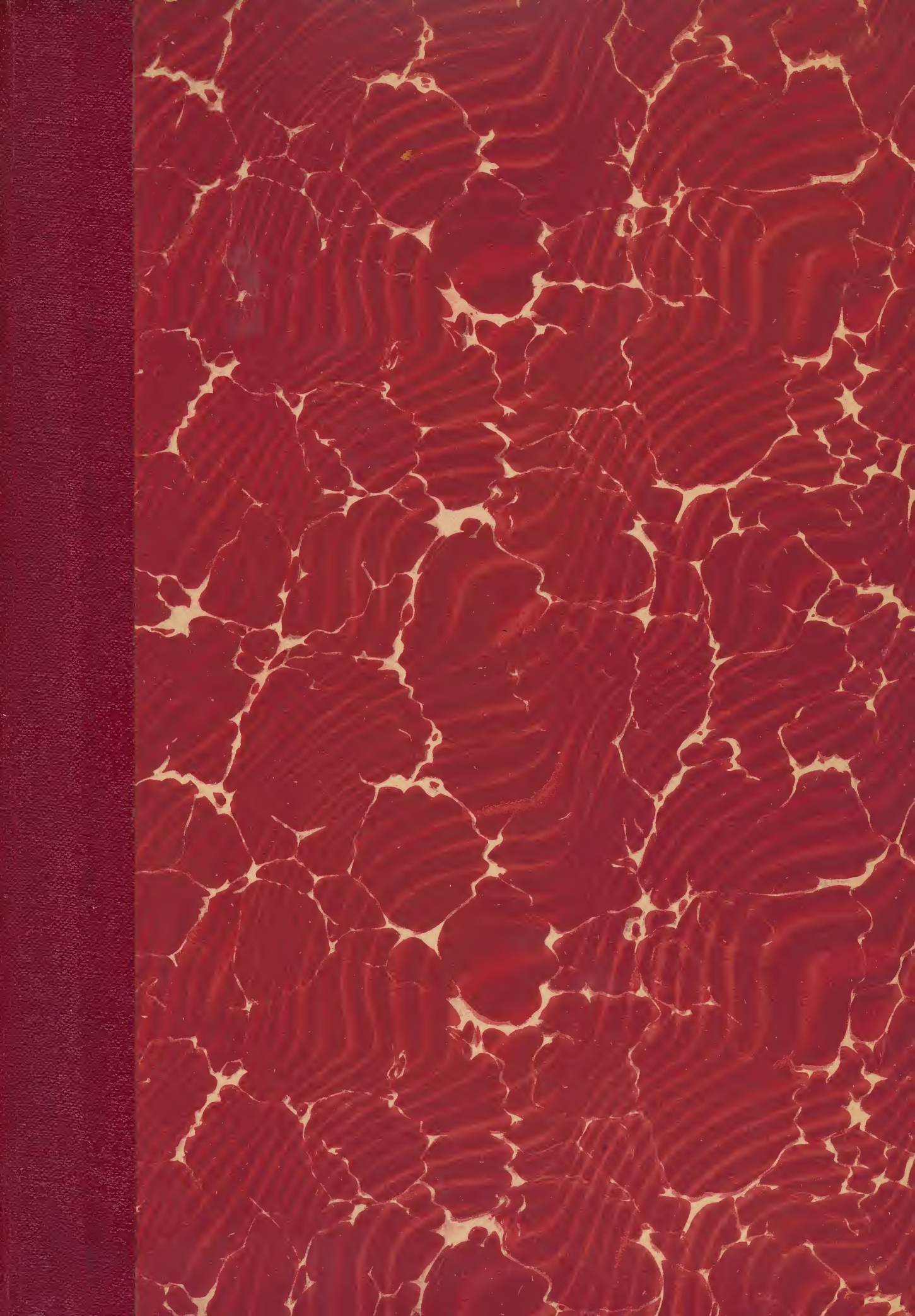




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Dr. Charles T. Goodsell



C H A R L E S T R U E G O O D S E L L

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Charles True Goodsell was born in Medina, New York, March 2, 1886, of German-English ancestry.

He attended the University of Rochester, in New York, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908. The Rochester Theological Seminary granted him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1912 and the University of Chicago bestowed upon him in 1924 the degree of Master of Arts and in 1932 he completed the work required by the University of Chicago for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, but did not find time to leave his duties at Kalamazoo College to go to Chicago for his final examination and felt that the benefit derived from the courses was more valuable than the honor of the degree. In 1936 Kalamazoo College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

From 1912 to 1917, Mr. Goodsell was pastor of the Baptist Church in Sparks, Nevada; from 1917 to 1921, he was pastor of the Baptist Church in Olympia, Washington; from 1921 to 1924, pastor of the Baptist Church in Mendota, Illinois; and from 1924 to 1928, pastor of the Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana.

September 10, 1920, he was united in marriage with Frances E. Comee, shortly after his return from World War service. They became the parents of Elizabeth, Barbara Jean and Charles True, Jr.

Although Dr. Goodsell was very successful in the ministry, his interest in research led him into the field of church history and his acquaintance with Dr. Allan Hoben with whom he was associated in work for the Y. M. C. A. in France during the first World War resulted in President Hoben adding Dr. Goodsell to the faculty of Kalamazoo College as head of the history department in 1928. From 1933 until 1935 he served as vice-president and from 1935 to 1936 he held the office of acting president of the College.

In 1933 he published "A Centennial History of Kalamazoo College" in conjunction with Dr. Willis F. Dunbar of the history department.

In addition to college affairs, Dr. Goodsell had during his life been a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias, Masons, American Historical Association, Michigan Historical Society, and the Outlook club of Kalamazoo.

Dr. Goodsell was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, a former vice-president of the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, and president and treasurer of the Nevada-Sierra Baptist Convention from 1913 to 1917.

Dr. Goodsell thoroughly loved Kalamazoo College and gave himself unreservedly to its interests. He

held many positions of responsibility on the campus, not only being in charge of chapel programs, but also being chairman of several important committees and adviser of the freshman class. He was a favorite speaker at college affairs and community events and placed no limits upon the number of talks he gave to churches, clubs, and civic organizations.

Dr. Willis Dunbar wrote of him:

"He was an unusually gifted teacher, a Christian gentleman in the finest sense, respected and beloved by his colleagues and students.

"As a professor of history and for some years as acting head of the college he made a lasting contribution to the development of the institution. More than anything else his character and utter sincerity have left a lasting impression on all of us.

"We shall miss him sorely but his influence will live on in the lives of the students he taught and of the college he loved."

Dr. Lemuel Fish Smith said of him:

"Our friend, Dr. Charles Goodsell, is one of the choicest illustrations that God is. God knows. God cares. Out of his reactions to all of the rough and tumble of life's experiences, out of his choices, decisions, hates, loves, despairs, rejoicings, he created his personality and lived among us a man of utter sincerity, devoted to ideals and convictions that could not have emerged from matter, but came from the source of all spiritual reality - the great and wondrous God of Love."

Death came to Dr. Goodsell as he was conducting a chapel service in Stetson Chapel the morning of

November 25, 1941. He was survived by Mrs. Goodsell and the three children, a brother, Ernest F. Goodsell, Des Moines, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Crosby Redman, Ardmore, Pennsylvania. The body was cremated and memorial services were held in Stetson Chapel at four o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, November 28, the rites being patterned after the daily chapel services which were characterized by simplicity and reverence. The College Singers presented Dr. Goodsell's favorite anthems; Dr. T. T. Wylie, pastor of the Kalamazoo First Baptist Church, read the Scripture and offered prayer; President Paul Lamont Thompson gave a brief memorial talk; and the service closed with the College hymn, "Lord of All Being."

November 25, 1941. He was carried by Mrs. Goodall
and the three children, a brother, Ernest F. Goodall,
Dunstable, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Gracey Hanson,
Arden, Pennsylvania. The body was cremated and
memorial services were held in Glendon Chapel at
four o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, November 23.
The rites being performed after the daily chapel
services which were characterized by simplicity and
reverence. The College Singers presented Dr. Good-
will's favorite hymn; Dr. F. T. Wylie, pastor of
the Glendon First Baptist Church, read the Scrip-
ture and offered prayer; President Paul Lamont
Thompson gave a brief memorial talk; and the service
closed with the College hymn, "Lord of all Being."



R O B E R T W I L L I A M G O R D O N

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Robert William Gordon was born in South Bend, Indiana, August 21, 1919, the son of William N. Gordon, who was born of Scotch ancestry in Sparta, Wisconsin, July 6, 1894.

Robert's mother was Leora Fay Fields Gordon, born in Tippecanoe, Indiana, April 13, 1896, of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were married in Plymouth, Indiana, January 11, 1917, and lived in South Bend, Indiana, all their married life until they moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in August 1936. Robert had one brother, Carl, born October 11, 1924.

Robert attended Riley High School in South Bend and Central High School in Kalamazoo. In his senior year in the latter, the war situation had created a feeling of unrest among the boys and he left school to work at various occupations until September 28, 1940, when he enlisted in Company C 126th Infantry, 32nd Division, which was mobilized for war October 15, 1940, and left the night of October 23 for the Louisiana maneuvers. While in Louisiana, he was promoted to Private First Class.

Pfc. Robert William Gordon received training at Camp Livingston, after which he was sent to Fort Devons, Massachusetts, and then to San Francisco, California. From there he sailed with his Division in April 1942 for Australia and was with the first Michigan troops to land on New Guinea. He saw action in the Buna-Gona-Sanananda campaign, New Guinea.

Following the first campaign of the island, he returned to Australia with survivors for a well earned rest, prior to resuming activities in the Saidor sector.

Anticipated Furlough

Robert was looking forward to March when he expected to be sent home in the war department's plan to relieve veterans of the 32nd Division, but when he returned to New Guinea and the invasion of Saidor he received wounds in combat which resulted in his death at Yamai Point, near Saidor, February 19, 1944. He was buried February 20, 1944, in grave No. 24, U. S. A. F. cemetery, Saidor, New Guinea.

Personal Characteristics

Pfc. Robert William Gordon was five feet eleven inches tall and had brown hair, gray eyes and a fair skin. He liked sports, foot ball especially, was very energetic, quick in his movements and very loyal in

his friendships. He was an average boy loving life and wanting to live, but willing to do his utmost for his country. He was quiet and serious in manner, always thoughtful and considerate of others. In a letter home he stated he would rather stay five years across than ever have his brother participate in war.

Greater love hath no man than this.

The following is a copy of a letter from his Captain:

Company C, 126 Inf., A. P. O. 32
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gordon,

A few short weeks ago your son, P.F.C. Robert W. Gordon, lost his life. I know that our loss cannot compare with yours but it was felt deeply by all who knew him. Through his easy disposition and likeable manner he had become one of the most popular men of the Company.

The platoon of which he was a member had made a river crossing and occupied a hill. Strong enemy forces attacked their position and forced their withdrawal. During this movement, Pvt. Gordon was among those who volunteered to cover the removal of fellow soldiers who had been wounded. While performing this courageous act he was wounded. He received immediate First Aid and in less than an hour was being treated by a surgeon. He died while receiving this treatment.

During my association with Pvt. Gordon I had come to know him as a brave and willing man always ready to do his part. He was a soldier of whom we all were proud; he was a son of whom any parents would be even prouder.

On behalf of myself, my fellow officers
and every member of the Company I wish to
extend to you and all the family our deepest
sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

Johney B. Wax,

Capt., 126 Inf.

Comd'g. Co. C.

Robert Leslie Grace 29



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Robert Leslie Grace was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 26, 1921, the son of Charles Abraham Grace and Lillie Austin Grace. The father was born in Owosso, Michigan, July 9, 1881, and was a soldier in the Spanish-American War. He died November 22, 1927. Charles Grace's father fought in the Civil War, so Robert was a third generation soldier.

Lillie Austin Grace was born in Richland, Michigan, April 26, 1889, and was married to Charles Abraham Grace in Allegan, Michigan, February 27, 1905. They began housekeeping in Kalamazoo and became the parents of three boys and four girls, one boy dying in infancy:

Verlene Evelyn, born January 10, 1911, married Carroll Cox March 18, 1927 and became the mother of Arlene;

Anna Belle, born August 11, 1912, married Frank Baldwin September 1, 1928 and became the mother of Murl;

Doris Elizabeth, born September 7, 1914, married Edwin Campbell September 8, 1930 and became the mother of Edwin Joseph, Robert Eugene, Chester William and Sharon Lee;

Charles Wesley, born August 17, 1916, married

Armina Belle Davis June 26, 1942;

Louis Franklin, died in infancy;

Robert Leslie, born March 26, 1921, died
January 15, 1943;

Norine Louise, born March 11, 1925, married
Robert Emerson June 16, 1942.

All the children were born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and attended the public schools of the city.

November 22, 1927, Charles Abraham Grace passed away and on December 12, 1931, Mrs. Grace was married to John Hoover.

Robert Leslie Grace pursued his studies until he reached Central High School and was active in athletics, but found his greatest interest in military affairs. He joined the National Guards and advanced to the office of Corporal before he enlisted for the Second World War.

In the fall of 1940 he was sent to Louisiana and was rapidly promoted. In December 1941 he was transferred to the Army Air Corps and stationed at Keesler Field in Mississippi, where he was training as a gunner and radio operator and had attained to the rank of Staff-sergeant.

Early in January 1943 he came home on furlough returning on January 11 to his field at Smoky Hill Air Base, Salina, Kansas.

January 15, 1943, with ten fliers he was starting a routine training flight when the bomber crashed and burned, killing five fliers and wounding the others. So he died in the service of his country.

Robert was always fascinated with military life and spent a great deal of his time at the armory. He was also greatly interested in photography and these two interests absorbed his time and energy. He was sociable, made many friends, was cheerful and dependable and especially mindful of his mother's comfort.

Brought up under the care of devoted parents, he felt the warmth and comfort of the Christian life and built into his character the things that are of eternal value.

When his mother re-married and brought another Christian man to the home at 1412 Krom avenue, Robert loved his step-father and the home continued to be a happy one.

Robert was five feet eight inches tall and was of sturdy build.

When death came to him suddenly the family was not "as those without hope" for the memory of his Christian training comforted them.

Military services were conducted January 20,

1943 in Kalamazoo, the Reverend Max V. Hill, pastor of the Church of God, officiating. Burial was in the soldier's lot at Riverside cemetery.

Good night, young Robert. We shall meet and greet you in the morning.

The following is his record in the armed service: Enlisted in the Michigan National Guard on the 16th day of September, 1937, at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Active National Guard Service - From September 16, 1937, to September 15, 1940, Organization, Company C, 126th Infantry; From September 16, 1940, to October 15, 1940, Organization, Company C, 126th Infantry; Inducted into the Federal Service October 15, 1940; Relieved from Federal Duty, November 27, 1941; Enlisted in Regular Army Air Corps.



Florence Hampton Graham

F L O R E N C E H A M P T O N G R A H A M

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Florence Hampton was born in Ormo, New York, June 1, 1851, one of the ten children of William Willison and Laura Rosila Colton Hampton. While a small child she moved with her parents to Ross township, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where she resided until her death. She acquired an education sufficient to qualify her as a public school teacher and taught the Yorkville school when it was held in the first building erected for school purposes.

She was married to Thomas Graham, who was born November 23, 1852 and died in 1914. They became the parents of: Floyd, who was born June 3, 1876 and died July 18, 1877; Roy, who was born August 23, 1877 and died in January 1920; Glenn Ray, born July 18, 1883, married Grace Maynard Anthony, who was born October 12, 1886; Gladys May, Glenn's twin sister; Edith Belle, born April 30, 1885, married Everett Wilson, deceased, became the mother of Kenneth.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Graham became the parents of: Doris, born August 20, 1908, married Henry Knoll,

became the mother of Carolyn Jean, born [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; Carol, born October 31, 1910, married Willard
Olson and became the mother of Barbara Ann, born
[REDACTED], Graham Paul, born August 31, 1935,
and Judith Lee, born September 1939; Florence,
born December 20, 1915, married Lawrence Tessin;
and Richard, born November 16, 1928. This was
written in 1941.

Death came to Mrs. Florence Hampton Graham
May 19, 1920. The funeral was conducted by
Mr. Badder, a minister from Hickory Corners, and
burial was in the Yorkville cemetery.

Thomas Walton Graham



T H O M A S W A L T O N G R A H A M

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Sergeant Thomas Walton Graham was killed in action while on a mission over Luzon, Philippine Islands, December 26, 1944. He was waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator four-engine bomber, when his plane was intercepted by enemy fighters. In the ensuing passes Thomas's plane was riddled by bullets from the Jap planes which came out from the sun. During the engagement the Bombardier and Navigator investigated the damage inflicted and found Thomas slumped over his guns. Thomas was killed instantly. His body was buried with full military honors on Leyte Island December 27, 1944.

Birth and Education

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 19, 1924, son of Walter Lambert Graham, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 27, 1889, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and Leota Walton Graham, who was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 30, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grahem were married in Chicago, Illinois, August 28, 1915, and also became the parents of:

Dr. Walter Lambert, Jr., born June 16, 1916, married Dorothy Ricci March 18, 1944, and they became the parents of Thomas Walton Graham February 1, 1945; Dr. Walter served as Lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy;

Jean Barbara, born November 14, 1918, married Frank Theodore Marvin, Jr., April 27, 1938, and they became the parents of Patsy Jean, born [redacted], Richard Scott, born [redacted], Michael Graham, born [redacted], & Sue Ann, born [redacted], and they reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan; &

Hugh Ellsworth, born [redacted], married Marian Frances Mahoney December 4, 1943, served three years as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant and was an instructor at Hondo, Texas, and at this time, 1946, attends Western Michigan College of Education, and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

As the family lived formerly on Forest street in Kalamazoo, Thomas attended the Vine Street School through the ninth grade and then entered Central High School from which he was graduated in 1942.

In the fall of that year he entered Western Michigan College of Education and joined the Army Reserves.

He was called into active service April 3, 1943, and sent to Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, where he received his basic training in the Air Corps and was given a gunnery medal. After that he went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for technical training. His next training was in gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nevada, where he

received his gunner's wings and was then given a delayed en route furlough for ten days and visited his home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Upon returning to Las Vegas, Nevada, he was sent to Fresno, California, and on to Muroc Field, California, where he was assigned to his bomber crew and trained on a B-24.

In May 1944, Thomas was sent overseas. Just before he went overseas he was made a Corporal. He wrote letters home from Hawaii, Australia and New Guinea. Later he went to the Dutch East Indies. A rest time came in October 1944 when his crew was sent to Australia, after which he was promoted to Sergeant. His next base was Palau Islands and from there his crew was sent on missions over Luzon where he was killed, the only member of his crew to lose his life on that mission.

Before the government sent word to Thomas's parents they received a letter from his pilot, Lieutenant Laurence Williams, informing them of the death of their son and that the Jap who killed him was shot down. He wrote:

"In all his flying with me Thomas has done excellent work, and, though he was the youngest of the crew, he was as dependable as any of the others. He earned the respect and admiration of the whole crew through his determination to succeed at his work."

Lieutenant General George C. Kenney wrote:

"Recently your son, Sergeant Thomas W. Graham, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and you.

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from June 20, 1944 to September 25, 1944.....

"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have such men as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

"You, Mrs. Graham, have every reason to share that pride and gratification."

The Air Medal referred to in the above letter was awarded posthumously. He was also awarded a Citation of Honor by General H. H. Arnold and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal with a letter from the secretary of war.

Vernon M. Ruther, Captain and Acting Commanding Officer of the Air Corps, wrote:

".....in the long while he spent with us, he grew each day in the respect and admiration of the entire command. His zeal in action, his extraordinary professional knowledge, and the honesty of his character endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. You may rest assured that the great work he started and in the continuation of which he gave his life in the service of his country, will be continued, and his name will live long in this organization."

One of his buddies wrote:

"With me Tom will always be a symbol of right thinking and an example of being able to take it. I want you to know that his presence shall never leave me. I always feel him near me."

Staff Sergeant Charles Cleveland Smith wrote:

"I met Tom when he first came in the outfit. He certainly was one of the finest fellows I have known. We were through New Guinea, the Indies, and Philippine Islands and Tom always made the best of things even though we were in mud up to our necks at times."

Charles F. Brecker wrote:

"As you know I have been with Thomas ever since we trained at Muroc, California.

"To me, Thomas has been more than a friend and I can say that for the rest of my crew. He was a friend to others, both officers and men, and a clean cut boy."

Personal Characteristics

Thomas Walton Graham was about six feet tall, had dark hair and dark blue eyes and an olive complexion.

He was interested in music and belonged to the famous St. Luke's Boys Choir, which trained the boys in many ways besides giving them a musical background.

He was an interested spectator at ball games and played in neighborhood games. As a hobby he made model engines of all kinds from old fashioned to modern.

He wanted to be a chemist and while in high school he won honorable mention in a national contest. He also showed a marked aptitude for Art.

As a lad he was a Cub Scout and attended the First Methodist Church.

Thomas Graham was retiring in manner, thoughtful, friendly and sincere. He was devoted to his parents. His father was his hero and as he was growing up he would say, "I want to be just like my Dad." His father had to be away from home on business considerably and Tom was always considerate of his mother whenever school functions took him out evenings.

As a little boy he would say after each Christmas, "This is the very best Christmas you have given me." For the Christmas the day before he made the supreme sacrifice he and the members of his crew had decorated their tent with a Christmas tree and placed their packages around it.

Tom took life as it came to him without complaining, even though he was weary and cold and the mud was deep. Everything was "all right" if that was what he had to do.

The neighbors spoke of his never having done a mean thing; he was always generous and kind.

Optimistically planning for his future as a chemist, Tom Graham left Kalamazoo, as many another boy did, to give his life in response to his country's need. The city of his birth honors him for the brave spirit, the unselfish gallantry and the great and last sacrifice he made.

"Farewell, dear voyager, thy work is done,
Now may peace rest with thee.
Thy kindly deeds and thoughts, they will live on,
This is not death, but immortality."

Hugh Thomas Griffith



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Hugh Thomas Griffith was born at Greenville, Michigan, May 1, 1892, son of Perry M., and Belle L. Woodworth Griffith of Welsh descent. They were also the parents of Guy, who married June Abshire and they became the parents of:

- (1) Robert, who married Elsie Bindenberg and they became the parents of Robert, Jr.; and
- (2) Corrine.

When Hugh Thomas Griffith was about a year old the family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and made their home on Charles avenue. About twenty years later, the parents moved to Galesburg, Michigan, where Perry M. Griffith died October 27, 1923, after which his widow remained in Galesburg until the marriage of her younger son, Hugh, and after that for nearly all her life she made her home with him. When Hugh became ill she went to live with her son Guy at 1123 Lay Boulevard, where she died October 27, 1942.

Hugh Thomas Griffith attended the public schools of Kalamazoo until his fourteenth year when he left Central High School to learn the machinist's trade at

Blood Brothers' Machine Shop and eventually became a master mechanic.

During the first World War Mr. Griffith went to Canada to work on a defense project and from there to Akron, Ohio, to work for the Goodyear Rubber Company, where he remained for some time after the Armistice was signed in 1918 and was honored several times by that Company.

Because of the ill health of his father, he returned to Kalamazoo and started a shop of his own at 1847 South Burdick street called the "Cylinder Grinding Machine Company" and remained at this place for three years when he sold out and went to work for Mr. VerWyze.

His next employment was with W. M. Robinson for a year and a half. He then opened the "Motor Parts and Machine Company" at 320 North Rose street and was in business there from April 30, 1930 until he sold to Ralph M. Ralston Company November 14, 1942.

On the anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11, 1927, Hugh Thomas Griffith was married to Mrs. Anna J. King, who was born in Beckville, Texas, December 14, 1887, daughter of G. T. Beach and Amanda A. Simpson Beach of Scotch-Irish descent and her first marriage was June 2, 1907, to Thomas E. King, who was

born in Texas July 19, 1883, son of George C. and Tabitha Ann King. They became the parents of Lola Irene, January 23, 1908. She married Carl A. Nelson and they became the parents of Keith Karl, born September 4, 1927, and Jacqueline Joyce, born September 23, 1931.

In politics, Mr. Griffith favored the Republican party, but sometimes voted for the man of his choice who might be a candidate of another party.

For recreation he liked fishing and hunting and, in his earlier days, base ball. All his life he was an enthusiastic foot ball and base ball fan.

Probably more than any other pastime he enjoyed an evening each week playing billiards with five other prominent business and professional men of Kalamazoo, playing in each others homes. He was rather retiring in social contacts and greatly enjoyed his own fireside.

In business as in private life, Mr. Griffith won many life-long friends by his skilled workmanship, unswerving loyalty, his integrity and trustworthiness. When he gave his word he meant it. The Golden Rule was his creed and he lived by its teachings: "Do unto others as ye would that men should do unto you."

Mr. Griffith passed away December 23, 1942,

leaving in the hearts of his family and friends a warm memory of his well spent life.

Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend L. S. Scheifele, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Kalamazoo and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

The bearers were close friends of Mr. Griffith: Attorney H. Clair Jackson, Mr. A. C. Gilbert, Mr. Richard H. Elwell, Attorney Leroy Hornbeck and Mr. Floyd Woodworth.

George D. Gross



GEORGE DANIEL GROSS JR.

1925 - 1944

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Seaman First Class George Daniel Gross was killed in action at his battle station on an LST boat serving as signalman on its bridge during an enemy attack in the waters of the Southwest Pacific around the Philippine Islands December 21, 1944.

He enlisted December 21, 1943, and was trained at the Great Lakes Training Station and then sent to Fort Pierce for two months training in amphibious maneuvers. He then returned to Chicago, Illinois, and had a two day furlough with his parents. His outfit went down the Mississippi river to the Gulf of Mexico and left for overseas the last of June 1944. George was given two stars for action in major battles.

Birth and Education

George Daniel Gross, Jr., was born September 14, 1925, in Marshall, Michigan, the son of George Daniel, Sr., who was born in Jackson, Michigan, May 17, 1904. He was married November 3, 1923, to Mary Rose Rowe, who was born in Sidney, Ohio, October 22, 1905. They began housekeeping in

Lima, Ohio, where they lived for one year and then moved to East Sparta, Ohio, for one year and then returned to Lima, Ohio, for another year. In the spring of 1925, they moved to Marshall, Michigan, and in 1926 they moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. After residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for a time they moved to Hastings, Michigan, and returned to Kalamazoo in 1931 and resided for a time on Westnedge and Campbell streets, for five years on East Walnut street, for one year on Third street and since 1944 until this time, 1945, at 3231 Redmond avenue, Kalamazoo.

Harry Leroy Gross, a brother of George, was born June 2, 1924, in East Sparta, Ohio, and served in World War II as Seaman First Class.

Elbert Eugene Gross, another brother, was born December 9, 1926, in Battle Creek, Michigan, and served in the Infantry.

Mildred Lucile Gross, a sister, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, March 10, 1928.

Mark Duane Gross, George's youngest brother, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 17, 1936, and resides with his parents.

George Daniel Gross, Jr., attended the Millwood, the South Westnedge, the Chenery rural, the Harding, Vine Street and Central High Schools, after which he worked for the Sutherland Paper Company until he enlisted.

Personal Characteristics

Seaman First Class George Daniel Gross, Jr., was five feet eight inches tall and weighed about one hundred forty pounds and had dark brown hair and gray eyes.

He engaged in athletic sports and was champion base ball pitcher for the Vine Street School team in 1942. He also played basket ball, soft ball and foot ball and went out for track. He liked to hunt and fish and swim.

George attended the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints and influenced some of his buddies in service to quit smoking and drinking.

Lieutenant Richard W. Insley, junior grade, wrote:

"George proved himself to be a fine man, a good shipmate, and a good sailor. He was admired by his fellow sailors for his good fellowship and courage, and by our officers as a man who could be depended upon in the performance of his duty. He had always been a credit to his home and country."

Another fine Kalamazoo boy has joined those who gave their lives for freedom, and the people of Kalamazoo will cherish their memories and honor them by seeking to maintain and preserve the country they served and for which they died.



Abby Adella Balch Hall

A B B Y A D E L L A H A L L

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On July 16th, 1852, there was born to the Royal Tyler Balch family, a fourth daughter. She was named Abby Adella. Her birthplace was the farm on the site of the present Ever Rest Cemetery, south of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

When she was two, the family moved to the Genessee Prairie Farm, one mile from the village of Oshtemo. That farm was owned by her father for the remainder of his lifetime and is still in the possession of members of the Balch family.

Abby's parents were natives of Athens, Vermont. Royal Tyler Balch was born there in 1817 and Ruthena Davis Balch, in 1826. Her paternal ancestors came here from England, establishing a home in Beverly, Massachusetts, in 1636. That old homestead is now owned by the Historical Society of Massachusetts, and is in a good state of preservation. When Dr. Ernest Balch visited Athens, Vermont, several years ago, he reported that the barn which was built and raised by old Grandfather Balch and his sons was still standing. When neighbors at the raising

called for whiskey, he was known to have replied, "We'll do it boys, and without any liquor." They did.

The Methodist Episcopal Church had few stauncher supporters than Royal Balch and his family. Abby's parents became charter members of the Methodist church at Oshtemo, which at eleven, she joined.

Her childhood was a happy one. Since she had four older sisters, she was freed somewhat from the household duties, so she was often to be found helping her father in the fields or with the chores.

Her happy disposition made her many friends and the young people of the neighborhood often gathered there of an evening.

The Balch children were high school students at the Union School that marked the beginning of seventy-five years of high school work in Kalamazoo. Abby taught in district school a few years.

On February 12, 1879, she married Frank Charvioux Hall, son of George Washington Hall and Ruth Rosette Hall, a pioneer family in Kalamazoo County. They were a progressive couple and moved many times in the course of fifty years, but they were as active as they were progressive and Abby was usually the center of activity, both in Church and State

affairs.

She was the organizer of the First Methodist Sunday School in Portage Center and helped build a church in Kansas by soliciting funds from members of the community, though she had to go about carrying her baby girl on one arm. She was a Sunday School teacher for years.

She had four children, Walter Albert, Royal Tyler, Frank Nathan and Jennie Rosette Hall Becker.

Sunday the children were usually dressed in their best bib and tucker and driven six miles to church and Sunday School. After she had cooked dinner for six or seven they were piled into the buggy again to be taken to Sunday School in the neighboring school house.

She had the unusual distinction of being the only one who was present both at the dedication of the old First Methodist church in Kalamazoo and the new. She was a member of the home and foreign missionary societies and also took an active part in the work of the W. C. T. U.

One time in later years she was presented with a beautiful bouquet in honor of being the oldest mother present at a service in Simpson Church. She stood to accept the flowers and said: "I'm so happy

tonight to be thus honored after serving my Christ over seventy years."

She was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. Due to her influence, a Negro boy became a minister to his people, a Chinese boy learned to read, and a Japanese boy, unfamiliar with the ways of this country, was helped through many difficulties. Her work as matron of Williams Hall at Kalamazoo College brought her in contact with many boys and she was never forgotten by them. Even after the youthful death of the Japanese boy, his parents continued to send her gifts in token of their thanks.

When crops were poor and bills piled up, she went to work as a practical nurse until things picked up again.

With all her practicality, she had the soul of an artist and often did lovely oil paintings. As well as being an artist with a paint brush, she flourished a pen with ease and often dashed off a poem. Her hands were never still; some sort of needle work almost always was to be found in her lap.

She was a book lover and a music lover as well as an ardent garden enthusiast. Very few people knew plants better than she did, and she taught her

children to love the outdoors as she, herself, did.

February 12, 1929, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Frank C. Hall died April 11, 1929. April 3, 1938, Abby Adella Balch Hall died after a lingering illness.

In her Bible were found these words:

"I will not doubt though all my ships at sea,
Come home with broken masts and sails,
I will believe the hand that never fails
From seemeth evil, worketh good for me.
And though I weep because these sails are
tattered, I trust in thee,
I will not doubt though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still, white realms above,
I will believe it is an all wise love
Which has refused the things for which I yearn.
And though at times I can not keep from
grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn."

And these:

"'Now I lay me down to sleep'
And somehow with that little prayer
And that sweet treble in my ears
My thought goes back to other years
And lingers with a dear one there.
And as I hear the child's Amen
My mother's faith comes back to me
Crouched at her side I seem to be
And mother holds my hands again."

Written in 1940

George Chalmers Hall





Edith Dr. Hall-

Mrs Geo Hall

G E O R G E C H A L M E R S H A L L

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George Chalmers Hall was born in Sterling, Illinois, March 28th, 1864, and moved to New York State when six months old. His father, George Washington Hall, was born October 17th, 1819, at Lafayette, New York, son of General Isaac Hall, who served in the Revolution and the War of 1812; a lumberman and farmer and passed away January 3rd, 1896, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. His mother, Ruth Rosette Andrews, daughter of Allen Andrews, a merchant of Oswego, New York, was born November 9th, 1927, and died January 7th, 1917, at which time she was the oldest member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

When ten years of age, George came to Schoolcraft, Michigan, with his family, where they lived until 1875, when his father bought the John Gibbs farm, now part of the State Hospital property. He attended Kalamazoo College and the University of Michigan, and was graduated in 1883 with the degree

of Ph. C.

Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Hall was employed in the Coleman Drug Store in Kalamazoo, and then went west where he followed his profession in Kansas and Texas, reading law on the side and was admitted to the bar. In 1888, he returned to Michigan and affiliated with Parke, Davis & Co., in Detroit, going with Johnson, Nelson & Co., in 1890. In 1892, he organized the Hall Bros. Drug Co., in Kalamazoo, with his brother Frederic W. Hall.

After fire destroyed their laboratory in 1898, Mr. Hall joined the Fraser Tablet Co., of Brooklyn, New York, introducing and managing the Fluid Department, and moved to that city with his family. In 1904, he purchased and reorganized The Zemmer Co., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pharmaceutical chemists, and held the office of vice-president, acting as New York representative for the firm until his retirement due to ill health.

Mr. Hall was instrumental in the early organization and development of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Chemists, which later became the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, in which he held the office of First Vice President 1912-1913, and that of President 1913-1915, being

of Ph. C.

Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Hall was employed in the Johnson Drug Store in Baltimore, and then went west where he followed his profession in Kansas and Texas, reaching law on the side and was admitted to the bar. In 1885, he returned to

Albany and affiliated with Taylor, Davis & Co., in

Detroit, going with Johnson, Halsey & Co., in 1890.

In 1898, he organized the Hall Bros. Drug Co., in

Albany, with the former President W. Hall.

After the destruction of his laboratory in 1895,

Mr. Hall joined the Thayer Laboratories, at Brooklyn,

New York, investigating and analyzing the fluid de-

ment, and moved to that city with his family. In

1904, he purchased and reorganized the Thayer Co.,

at Westbury, Long Island, pharmacological chemist,

and held the office of vice-president, acting as

New York representative for the firm until his re-

turn to the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Hall was instrumental in the early organi-

ation and development of the American Association of

Pharmacological Chemists, which later became the

American Pharmacological Association.

In which he held the office of Vice President

1912-1913, and that of President 1913-1914, being

on the board subsequently. In this connection he took an active part in the drafting and passage of the Harrison Narcotic Bill and subsequent narcotic legislation.

In politics, Mr. Hall was nominally a Republican, though never bound by party lines. He was a life member of Minerva Lodge, F & A M, Orient Chapter, Brooklyn Council, Clinton Commandery, and Kismet Temple A A O N M S - all of Brooklyn, New York. He was a National Councillor of the United States Chamber of Commerce; member of the National Drug Trade Conference, American Pharmaceutical Association, American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, University of Michigan Alumni Club of New York City, and the Michigan Union of Ann Arbor.

November 19th, 1889, George Chalmers Hall and Edith May Mizner were united in marriage in Burr Oak, Michigan. Mrs. Hall was born in Burr Oak January 11th, 1864, the daughter of Jay D. Mizner, dentist, farmer and breeder of fine horses. Mr. Mizner was born April 1st, 1815, in Hector township, Tompkins County, New York. His wife, Louisa McIntyre, was born December 21st, 1830, in Mecklenburg, Tompkins County, New York. They were married October 28th, 1846, moving to Michigan in 1851.

Mrs. Hall was graduated from the Burr Oak High School in 1882, its first graduate with an accredited diploma. She then attended Michigan Seminary in Kalamazoo, and was graduated in 1884. She is a member of the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter, D. A. R.

To this union was born one daughter, Louise May, in Kalamazoo, May 3rd, 1894. She was graduated from Adelphi College in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; from Columbia University in 1916 with the degree of Master of Arts, which was followed by a fellowship at the latter institution 1917-1918. On October 4th, 1920, she married Roger Talmadge Lively of Atlanta, Georgia, where they reside. They have one daughter, Edith Hall Lively, born [REDACTED].

In 1918, Mr. Hall took his family to Altamonte Springs, Florida, for the winter and this became their winter home thereafter. In 1919, they moved back to Kalamazoo from Brooklyn, residing in the home built by Mr. Hall's father in the early nineties. It was here that Mr. and Mrs. Hall celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary November 19th, 1939, with their daughter, granddaughter and numerous friends. On December 6th, 1939, Mr. Hall

passed on to his Eternal Home and is buried in the family lot in Riverside cemetery.

In his youth, Mr. Hall joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, but with his family worshipped at Edgewood Reformed Church in Brooklyn and the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo. When the new church edifice was erected in 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Hall gave the chancel window - a copy of one in the Chartres Cathedral - in memory of Mr. Hall's mother.

Mr. Hall was unselfish and generous to the extreme. He was genial and a good mixer; a fluent speaker and meticulous in the details of every undertaking; and endowed with a whimsical sense of humor. After retirement he acquired a keen interest in golf and gardening.

When Mr. Hall passed away, Mrs. Hall received a sheaf of letters from business and social friends from all parts of the United States in which high tribute was paid to Mr. Hall, of which the following excerpt from a letter from Charles Wesley Dunn, Attorney of New York City is typical:

"I like to think of George - and will always do so - as I knew him, well and vigorous, It was my privilege to have his company when he was at his peak of constructive activity. And that will be my memory of him always - a kindly and sympathetic and helping friend; one who placed the good of our industry above

any commercial or personal consideration. George's name will always stand in the records of the Association as one of its fathers, and best and most loyal friends. It will never be forgotten by us; and it will always be recalled to inspire us."

The direct line of descent from George Hall and Mary Hall, his wife, of Devonshire, England, who were among the founders of Taunton, Massachusetts, in the early 1630s is as follows:

- 1st Generation - Samuel Hall and wife Elizabeth White;
- 2nd Generation - Samuel Hall and wife Elizabeth Bourne;
- 3rd Generation - Ichabod Hall and wife Lois Kibbe;
- 4th Generation - Ebenezer Hall and wife Anna Pease;
- 5th Generation - Isaac Hall and wife Sarah Taylor Sheldon (widow);
- 6th Generation - George Washington Hall and wife Ruth Rosette Andrews;
- 7th Generation - George Chalmers Hall and wife Edith May Mizner;
- 8th Generation - Louise May Hall and husband Roger Talmadge Lively;
- 9th Generation - Edith Hall Lively.

Ebenezer Hall served on various alarms and short expeditions in the American Revolution.

Isaac Hall served in the Revolutionary War and was a Brigadier General of Volunteers in the War of 1812.

Mrs. Hall is also descended from early colonial ancestry, three of her great grandfathers - Amasa Matthews, Joshua Owens and Peter Mizner(Misner) -

being active participants in the Revolutionary War
and were listed in the First Census 1790.



H O W A R D P . H A L L
I n A p p r e c i a t i o n

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Howard P. Hall, born June 10, 1867, was the only child of Beach A. and Antoinette Hall, pioneer residents of this section of Michigan.

Mr. Hall was educated in the public schools of Kalamazoo and attended Kalamazoo College.

Mr. Hall did his first newspaper work in Chicago during the World's fair in 1893, when he paid his expenses for the summer by furnishing items at space rates for the "Chicago Herald."

His first newspaper work in Kalamazoo was in 1898, when he joined the staff of the "Gazette." Later he was associated with the "Boston Standard," "The Detroit News Tribune," and "The Kalamazoo Telegraph." He returned to "The Gazette" in 1908.

From the first he was always interested in clean athletics, and, for many years, served as Sports Editor on "The Telegraph" and on "The Gazette." He became an acknowledged authority on Grand Circuit racing, and numbered among his friends such famous drivers as Ed ("Pop") Geers, Tommy Murphy, Walter Cox and others who had built up light harness racing in this country. He was exceedingly interested in, and supported through

his columns, the amateur sports of the educational institutions of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Hall was a reader of good books. He maintained a very extensive library and his vacations each year were given over to trips to far away places.

He was deeply interested in the theatre and its happenings. His dramatic reviews were read for years by thousands of persons in Kalamazoo and elsewhere. They were characterized by a sympathetic understanding of the theatre and its problems and by an insistent demand for the elevated standards of the stage.

The last four or five years of Mr. Hall's newspaper work concerned the financial and industrial growth of Kalamazoo.

For years he had been the correspondent to "The Paper Trade Journal," a magazine devoted entirely to the paper industry of the United States and Canada.

Throughout his long and busy career, Mr. Hall personified the best traditions of his calling. He was consistently faithful to the ideals of the press as a force for constructive community service and of the newspaperman as the bearer of an important public responsibility. The mere gathering and writing of news was not enough for him; he took a studious, lively interest in all of the many and varied subjects that

came within his range - and he was always sincerely interested in the commercial, industrial, civic, and cultural phases of his community's life. Those who worked side by side with him during his thirty years of service on Kalamazoo papers regarded him as a lovable and admirable human being - kindness, tolerance, innate courtesy, open-mindedness in all things - made him respected of all observers.

The Halls, husband and wife, were constant companions. They enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout the city and took a real interest in literature, music, and the arts. Mrs. Hall has served as instructor in the Kalamazoo public schools for many years.

Mr. Hall was a member of the Kiwanis club, the Elks lodge, and The Fourth Estate.

Mr. Hall died June 9, 1932

Walter Hall



W A L T E R C A R L Y L E H A L L

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Walter Carlyle Hall was born June 29, 1866, in the town of Biddeford in southwestern Maine, where his father, Freeman Hall, had resumed the practice of medicine and surgery after returning from the Civil War. His ancestors were among the sturdy, God-fearing people who settled southwestern Maine, southeastern New Hampshire and northeastern Massachusetts. The branch of the Hall family to which he belonged was descended from John Hall, who came from England early in the seventeenth century, and whose son, Hate Evil Hall, located on a tract of land between Dover and Portsmouth in New Hampshire.

Mr. Hall's grandfather, Levi Hall, married Jane Emery, a descendant of Jean Emerys (John Emery), who fled from France to England at the time of the massacre of the Huguenots on St. Bartholomew's Day, and whose son, Anthony Emery, came from England and landed in Boston June 3, 1635.

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, stands the Ladd-Whipple House, one of the early colonial homes, now preserved by the Society of Colonial Dames, the home

of William Whipple, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In Ipswich, Massachusetts, there stands in the center of the town another Whipple House, preserved by the Ipswich Historical Society, the home of Captain John Whipple in the seventeenth century. Both of these houses are landmarks of the Colonial ancestry of Walter Hall, whose mother was Jane Marion Whipple, a native of Maine, whose father, Carlyle Whipple, for whom Walter Hall received his middle name Carlyle, moved from Vermont to Maine, where his children were born.

Kenelm Winslow, brother of Edward Winslow, who was Governor of Plymouth Colony, arrived from England at Plymouth in 1629. The Halls and the Winslows intermarried and the name Winslow Hall is frequently found in the list of Walter Hall's ancestors. Other names of families which helped to make New England are also closely related to the families of Hall and Whipple, but this brief sketch does not permit mention of them.

When Walter Hall was a mere lad his father, Dr. Freeman Hall, went with others to answer the call of the Mid-West. After a brief sojourn in Indiana and Illinois, he came with his wife and four children, one daughter and three sons, all born in Maine,

to Michigan, where another daughter was born and where the children received their early education. After a brief residence in Buchanan the family moved to Kalamazoo, where the father and mother, both well advanced in years, died and are buried.

For many years Dr. Hall was ill and it was necessary for the children to earn money to help meet the family expenses. Walter, being the oldest of the sons, still in his middle teens, accepted a position in the Post Office in Buchanan, the beginning of a life of service in the employ of the Government, which was continued in Kalamazoo, where he served his generation until he reached the age of seventy when, according to the rule of the Government, retirement was due.

Mr. Hall made good use of his limited educational advantages. He left High School in Kalamazoo to re-enter Government service there and did not return to complete the course. He had a keen, analytical understanding mind which enabled him to readily grasp and solve problems. He was an excellent student and always ranked with the best in his classes, whether Latin, science, mathematics or any other subject. He would have excelled in any line of work. By heredity and by discipline he had a mind far above

the average.

His New England ancestors had endowed him with many of the virtues that enable a man to live a life admired by his associates and commended by all who knew him. He was friendly and his friendship was enduring. He was interested in people and it was easy to make his acquaintance. He was companionable and his companionship was genuine and unaffected. His sincere interest in people and his friendliness made him a friend in need. Many people could tell of help he gave them of which others knew nothing. He did not seek praise. He was rewarded by the satisfaction that comes from being a "friend to man." He just couldn't help being that way.

He was tolerant - an inherited characteristic. The blood stream that flowed in his veins from the French Huguenots, who knew the evil of intolerant persecution, mingled with the blood streams from England that carried many sturdy qualities, and among them those that made a tolerant type of Puritanism. He was loyal to conviction, but allowed others to be loyal to their convictions. He avoided conflict that results in enmity.

Mr. Hall was a good churchman, devoted as a layman to the church in which he had been reared.

He did not come from a family of ministers. So far as is known, none of his ancestors, in this country at least, were ministers, though they were usually church members. They were professional men, agriculturists and industrialists. His two brothers, however, became clergymen, one serving as a teacher in the American University in Beirut, Syria, a missionary college, and the other brother, after a brief pastorate, devoting his life to the work of foreign missions. Mr. Hall was baptized and received into the membership of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo by Reverend George F. Hunting, D. D., pastor of the church. He was active in church work until the time of his death, in the Sunday School, young people's society, men's club and as deacon and elder.

Mr. Hall was not a politician. He served under both Democratic and Republican administrations. At various times through more than half a century he held every position in the local post office except that of Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster, but his intimate knowledge of the details of the entire business made him invaluable to those who at various times held those appointive offices. He was under the Civil Service system and his long tenure of office proved the value of that system for the development

of efficient public employees.

Mr. Hall was a member of the Masonic fraternity for nearly forty-three years, having been connected with the lodge in Kalamazoo since 1894. After forty years, on June 18, 1934, he received his life membership.

He was married September 18, 1895, to Miss Mary Selina Minkler, a niece of Dr. Ira W. Fiske, one of Kalamazoo's leading physicians. They began married life in the home which they built on Minor Avenue and in which they lived together until his death. Two daughters were born to them, Marion Fiske Hall, now Mrs. James Warner of Ypsilanti, and Beatrice Louise Hall, who married Forrest Strome of Kalamazoo, where they lived until her early death.

When he retired from business on June 29, 1936, at the age of seventy, he had been in Government service almost continuously since January 1882, a lifetime faithfully spent in helping his fellowmen to communicate with one another throughout the world. After a life of active service he had hoped and planned for years of quiet but useful enjoyment of life, but in less than one year it was ended.

Death came suddenly. For some years previous to retirement he had an infirmity which prevented him

from leading as strenuous a life as formerly. He had led an active life. He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and automobile touring. His garden of flowers gave opportunity for expression of the beautiful and at the same time relief from daily office duties. The end came while he and his wife were spending the winter in Florida. On the evening of March 22, 1937, at St. Petersburg the door out of this world opened and in a few minutes he was gone. Burial was with his father and mother and daughter in Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo.

There is no yardstick by which the value of such a life can be measured, nor scales by which it can be weighed. The large assemblage of prominent citizens at the funeral service, many of them friends of early years, attested the esteem and affection with which he was regarded, likewise the memorial service held later in the Presbyterian Church, where as an officer he had served in spiritual things. He made the world a brighter and better place in which to live and he lightened the burdens of many people with whom he came into personal contact. His was an abiding friendship in a world where friendships too often fade.

Written in 1938.

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rare.

Written in 1932.



Glenn K. Hammel



Irene Hammel

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Glenn Kenneth Hammel was born in Hartford, Michigan, January 31, 1900, son of Alberta Webster and John Hammel of Scotch and Irish descent.

In his youth Glenn was very fond of sports of all kinds, especially base ball. The first seven years of his life were spent on the farm and then for an equal period of time he lived in Hartford, where he received his education, and was graduated from the high school.

While yet a young man Mr. Hammel came to Kalamazoo and in 1917 started as a belt boy in the Kalamazoo Pant Company. After the World War he became foreman in the Merchants Publishing Company and in 1928 was made foreman in the Shakespeare Company. During this time he also held a part time job with the J. C. Penny Company.

In 1933 Mr. Hammel became a Deputy Sheriff of Kalamazoo County. He served as chairman of several Community Service committees and gave lectures on Safety and Child Welfare and kindred subjects.

Mr. Hammel belonged to the United States Naval

Reserves and was in service overseas during the World War. He has been very active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has written a number of articles for the "American Odd Fellow." He has been a member of the Burr Oak lodge, Odd Fellows, since 1922 and served as a member of the Special Committee and as chairman; also as chairman of the General Relief Committee and as Financial Secretary of the I. O. O. F. Temple Board, as chairman of the House Committee, as chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and as chairman of the By-laws Committee of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He was President of the Walk-In and Step-In Clubs, representative to the Grand Lodge, Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge, member of the Special Committee of the Grand Lodge dealing with liquor conditions, and was made Director of Michigan's greatest I. O. O. F. Promotional Program in 1936.

In August 1936, Mr. Hammel was made Grand Herald of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Michigan. This placed him in line for advancement into the chair of Grand Master. Mr. Hammel was installed January 1, 1926, as Noble Grand of Burr Oak lodge I. O. O. F. He was again installed in that office January 1, 1931, and again for the

third time July 1, 1931. The lodge was very active under his leadership and sponsored many large programs. In October, 1927, Mr. Hammel was sent as a representative of Burr Oak lodge I. O. O. F. to the Grand Lodge and has been sent as a representative each year since then. At the session held in October, 1931, Mr. Hammel was appointed to the Judiciary Committee and served for three years. At the session in Alma in October, 1934, he was appointed by Judge Herman Dehnke, then Grand Master, to the By-laws Committee; at Dearborn in October 1935, he was appointed by Judge Edward M. Sharpe, then Grand Master, Chairman of the By-laws Committee and served until he was appointed Grand Herald.

From 1930 to 1933, Mr. Hammel was very active in the Walk-In clubs and the Step-In clubs of Southwestern Michigan. These clubs played a large part in keeping the smaller lodges alive during the depression years. During 1934 and 1935 he was Conference Conductor under Past Grand Master Dehnke. During this period many lodges were saved from closing and much new activity stimulated in the district. Community service programs have been sponsored in this district and Mr. Hammel travelled extensively over the state, giving addresses at lodge gatherings and public meetings sponsored by the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Hammel was advisory chairman of the Federation of American Voters and at one time was candidate for Kalamazoo Township clerk. He also campaigned for Senator Frank Kulp and for Karl Keefer.

April 29, 1920, Glenn K. Hammel married Thermal Florence Owen at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born June 14, 1901. They were the parents of a son, Robert Charles, born February 6, 1921. Mrs. Hammel died May 11, 1928.

May 18, 1929, Mr. Hammel married Irene Peltier at Detroit, Michigan. She was born in Bay City, Michigan, September 27, 1900, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peltier, of French descent. She attended school in Bay City and was graduated from the high school there. She worked as a stenographer, a telephone operator and as a graduate beautician. She had previously been married to Mr. Saunders of Bay City and they were the parents of Russell, born in 1922 and Virginia, born in 1923.

Mrs. Irene Hammel was a very active member of Burr Oak Rebekah lodge No. 184 and was a Past Noble Grand of that lodge. She belonged to the A. W. club, the F. L. T. club and the Good Times club. She was a representative of the Burr Oak Rebekah lodge at the Rebekah Assembly at Alma in 1934 and was very active among the Rebekah lodges all through the southern

part of Michigan.

Mrs. Hammel was reared in the Roman Catholic Church until she was eighteen years of age when she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Potterville, Michigan.

Mrs. Irene Hammel died March 2, 1935. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Karl H. Keefer under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in charge of Mrs. Carrie Blanchard, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Michigan. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Hammel was of a pleasing and attractive personality and won a host of friends.

Written March 8, 1937.

Frank Junior Hamilton



F R A N K J U N I O R H A M I L T O N

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Private Frank Junior Hamilton was killed in action by enemy rifle fire while on patrol duty on Luzon, Philippine Islands, April 27, 1945. His body was buried in Grave 437, Row 4, Plot I, United States Armed Forces Manila Cemetery No. 2.

His serial number was 917189 and he was attached to Company B, 64th Infantry Training Battalion, 14th Infantry Training Regiment, 43rd Division.

Frank was called into the armed service October 16, 1944, and was placed in infantry light artillery and sent to Camp Wolters, Texas. He came home on a seven days furlough and returned to Camp Wolters. He was then sent to Fort Ord, California, and the train was wrecked en route, but he was not hurt. During his training he won a rifleman's certificate.

In the spring of 1945 he was shipped overseas to the Philippines and soon after paid the supreme price for the preservation of liberty.

Birth and Education

Frank Junior Hamilton was born in Otsego, Michigan, May 15, 1926, son of Frank Draper Hamilton of Scotch and English ancestry, and his wife, Nettie Lee Teachout Hamilton of German and French descent.

The family moved to Kalamazoo county, Michigan, in 1926 and resides at this time in 1946 on a farm on Indian Fields road, Kalamazoo Route 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Draper Hamilton also became the parents of:

Alfred Earl, born October 12, 1912, served six months in the United States Army, married and became the father of
Budrow W., born September 18, 1932,
Janet Lee, born December 7, 1936,
Nancy Sue, born November 24, 1940,
Patricia Ann, born July 28, 1942;

Robert Ralph, born September 16, 1914, served four months in the United States Army, married and became the father of
Ralph Robert, born January 13, 1945,
Wanda Lee, born June 18, 1946;

Arlene Evelyn, born January 7, 1917, married Charles Hyatt and they became the parents of
Sharon Kay, born October 24, 1946;

Forest Lylle, born August 7, 1918, served seven months in the Air Corps, married and became the father of
Paul Duane, born September 27, 1936,
Donna May, born [REDACTED];
Marilyn Joan, born [REDACTED];

Birth and Marriage

Frank Taylor Hamilton was born in 1914,
Richmond, Va. 11, 1914, son of Frank Taylor Hamilton
of Scotch and English ancestry, and Isabelle,
niece of French Canadian Hamilton of Ontario and French
descent.

The family moved to Belgium in 1920, Richmond,
in 1925 and settled in 1926 in 1926 on a farm
on Indian River Road, Richmond Road 6,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor Hamilton and family
the parents of:

Robert Earl, born October 15, 1917, married 11
children in the United States Army,
married and named the father of
Robert W., born September 15, 1930,
James Lee, born December 7, 1932,
Henry Lee, born November 21, 1935,
Lorraine Ann, born July 30, 1937;

Robert Ralph, born September 15, 1918, married
four children in the United States Army,
married and named the father of
Lillian Robert, born January 17, 1937,
Linda Lee, born June 15, 1937;

James Evelyn, born January 7, 1919, married 12
children in the United States Army,
married and named the father of
Lorraine Lee, born October 24, 1937;

Robert John, born January 7, 1920, married
seven children in the U.S. Army, married
and named the father of
Paul John, born September 27, 1937,
Linda Lee, born January 21, 1939,
Lillian John, born July 21, 1939;

Royal Ernest, born June 14, 1921, served nine months in the United States Army, married and became the father of Judy Corine, born [REDACTED], Linda Lou, born May 10, 1946;

John Frederick, born February 5, 1923, is married and served one year in the United States Army Military Police;

Eugene Charles, born September 21, 1924; is in the United States Navy and has sailed both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; his ship, Allan A. Dale, was blown up just before they went to land in Antwerp - nine other ships were sunk at the same time - only life lost was that of an engineer;

Mary Dawn, born May 11, 1929; and

Arthur Marvin, born August 27, 1932.

All the living children reside in Kalamazoo county, Michigan.

Frank Junior attended the Hurd School, and the East Lake and Washington Junior High Schools, after which he worked at various jobs, one of which was with the Pennsylvania Railway Express. But he liked farm work the best and stayed at home much of the time and did whatever there was to do on the farm.

Personal Characteristics

He was five feet five and one-half inches tall, of medium build, and had dark hair and brown eyes.

He was industrious and never shunned work. When his father was ill, Frank Junior took over responsibilities beyond his age. He was fond of

his teachers in school and affectionately called one of them "Susy."

He liked to hunt and fish and was interested in music, reading and writing poetry.

Lieutenant Colonel William Naylor wrote:

"He was an excellent soldier, who was liked by both officers and men. He died for a good cause."

Junior was a normal, happy boy, loved his parents and brothers and sisters and had lots of friends. He was a great favorite among the neighbors.

A GOLD STAR is added to the nation's service flag, which is studded with many, too many, such STARS, and among the brightest shines the one that represents this eighteen year old lad, Private Frank Junior Hamilton.

Mr. & Mrs. W^m Willison Hampton



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W I L L I A M W I L L I S O N H A M P T O N

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William Willison Hampton was born at the village of Williamsville, township of Amherst, Erie county, New York, January 12, 1821, son of Jesse and Polly Willison Hampton. When he was eight years of age the family moved to Allegheny county, New York, then a new and wilderness country infested with wolves, wild cats, deer and Indians. Not far away was the Indian reservation. The Genessee river furnished abundant trout fishing; and as the Hamptons were located near its banks young William had abundant opportunities to indulge his passion for capturing the speckled beauties. Winters there was school in the log school house. Summers there was plenty of hard work on the farm. But when the rainy days came he hooked the trout from the Genessee. Small game was also plentiful and there was good sport with the gun.

At the age of sixteen William Hampton came to Michigan with his uncle Samuel Willison, and June 28, 1837, they reached the shanty of Ambrose Mills, who was then the supervisor of what is now Orange-

ville, Prairieville, Barry and Hope townships. They made the entire journey, five hundred miles from New York state with an ox team, starting May 16, and reaching Mr. Mills' home June 28. In the five hundred mile journey they did not cross a single railroad but passed through many places now important railroad cities. When they settled on the land which Samuel Willison took up from the government, they found that Ambrose Mills was their nearest neighbor, and he was three miles away.

After living in Michigan until December 10, 1838, Mr. Hampton started with his brother Joseph, who had come up from Illinois, for his old York state home. The lake being closed for the winter they made the journey by stage and on foot and arrived home foot sore and weary in January 1839.

January 1, 1845, Mr. Hampton was married to Miss Laura Rosila Colton, who was born at Sandersfield, Massachusetts, February 14, 1828, and came with her parents to Allegheny county, New York, when about ten years of age. Her grandmother on her father's side was Elizabeth Hancock, first cousin to John Hancock, noted signer of the Declaration of Independence; she reached her 95th year and died at Long Meadow, Massachusetts.

In the fall of 1845, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton came on to Michigan, remaining until 1848, when they returned to York state, where Mr. Hampton engaged in business with his brother-in-law. There they lived until 1863, when the Coltons and Hamptons all came to Michigan.

For many years they resided in Yorkville and for much of that time Mr. Hampton was superintendent of the Yorkville Sunday school. He began reading the Evening Telegraph when George Torrey was editor and continued to read it until the end of his life.

Mr. Hampton was Republican and cast his first ballot for President of the United States for Henry Clay and voted the Republican ticket regularly until he was last eighty-eight years of age. Before the Republican party was formed he was a Whig. He was delegate to various county Republican conventions and helped to nominate for prosecutors J. C. Burrows, George M. Buck, E. M. Irish and F. E. Knappen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton enjoyed married companionship for nearly sixty-three years. As the birthdays of both came soon after the Holidays and their wedding anniversary was on New Year's day, as was their custom, the family was planning a reunion at Christmas time to celebrate these red letter days.

On the night of December 16, 1907, Mrs. Hampton had a paralytic stroke and passed away December 23 and her funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Florence, Mrs. Thomas Graham, December 26th, and burial was made in the Yorkville cemetery.

Eight days later their oldest daughter, Adelpia Comming, was suddenly stricken and fell from her chair dead.

Louis Gerald Hanes



L O U I S G E R A L D H A N E S

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Louis Gerald Hanes was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, September 15, 1922, the son of Mrs. Jeannette Garnes, whose home is now, in 1943, in Indiana. Louis had one brother, Lloyd Harold, born December 31, 1923.

The father of Mrs. Garnes was Monroe Barnea, who died May 16, 1914. Her mother, Clara Tittle Barnea, later married James O. Curry and resides at 1009 North Burdick street in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mrs. Curry played an important part in the rearing of her grandson, for Louis came into her home when he was three years of age and remained until his enlistment in the armed services of his country. The grandmother loved the boy and carefully nurtured and trained him in the right manner of living.

Louis attended the Lincoln School in Kalamazoo and enjoyed his studies, but was especially interested in drawing, carving and other handicraft. He entered Central High Vocational School and took machine and wood shop work. During this time he

became a member of the Michigan State Troops, Company 309.

At seventeen years of age he went to work for the Red Cap Truck Company. Later, he was employed at the Bryant Paper Company and on November 30, 1942, he and his brother Lloyd and his uncle, Elmer Meddaugh, all enlisted together on the same day in the armed services of the United States. These three had lived with Mrs. Curry for some time. Two days previous to this enlistment Louis had received his honorable discharge from the Michigan State Troops, Company 309.

Louis received his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas, and went overseas in April, 1943, and was transferred to an Army Engineering Battalion. He soon was engaged in action on the battle front in the Tunisian campaign and the invasion of Sicily. On October 4, 1943, he wrote his grandmother from the American front lines in Italy:

"It will be the happiest moment in my life when I can walk in the front door and be home again. We are getting busy again, so I must stop. Good night and God bless you all."

Three days later a brief message came from the War Department breaking the news to the sorrowing family that Louis Gerald Hanes had been killed in action on October 10, 1943.

Personal Characteristics

Louis was six feet and one inch in height and weighed about one hundred and ninety-five pounds. He was broad shouldered and full of energy, a fine active young man. He loved nature, and flowers were never unnoticed by his appreciative eyes. He enjoyed music and played the harmonica. For recreation he made model airplanes and various carvings in wood.

In his grandmother's home he was much attached to an uncle a few years younger than himself and was raised in the same home. The two boys were great pals and appreciated their grandmother's love and care. Louis longed to see his grandmother before he was sent overseas. Fearing he would not be granted a furlough, he wrote her a letter thanking her again for her understanding heart and her tender care of him through the years. She had sent him to Sunday school at the Bethel Baptist Church. Later he attended the Park Street Church of Christ.

The nation, the State of Michigan and the City of Kalamazoo are proud of these boys who make the supreme sacrifice for their country and as his name is added to the list the people reverently salute Louis Gerald Hanes.

William Walter Harding



W I L L I A M W A L T E R H A R D I N G

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William Walter Harding was born in Vicksburg, Michigan, April 11, 1925; the son of Henry J. and Ethel Woodhouse Harding.

Henry J. Harding was born in London, England, and at the age of seventeen came to Reed City, Michigan. Later he came to Vicksburg, Michigan, where he made his home with his family until about 1933, when they moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and resided at 727 Millard Court. His wife was also of English ancestry.

William Walter Harding had the following sister and brothers:

Mary, born [REDACTED];

Robert, born [REDACTED];

Donald, born [REDACTED]; and

Alfred James, born [REDACTED].

In February 1942, William Walter lost his mother and later his father married Thelma Elaine Pettit, the mother of Mrs. Ione Smith, who was born [REDACTED]; James Ray Jacobs, who was born [REDACTED]; and Frederick William Jacobs, born [REDACTED]

Walter, whose middle name was generally used, attended the Edison School in Kalamazoo for a time and then transferred to the Lincoln School, where he became especially interested in mechanical drawing and blue print work.

When he became seventeen years of age he enlisted in the United States Army in April 1942 and received his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He expected a furlough of ten days and eagerly anticipated a visit to his home and family. But it was not to be. The need was so great at that time he was shipped overseas in July 1942 and landed in England. From there he was sent to North Africa and engaged in combat in Tunisia. After that he was in combat with his unit in Sicily and Italy. He was killed in action in Italy August 8, 1944, a victim of the cruel war.

Walter was formerly with the heavy artillery unit, but at the time of his death he was with Battery C, 435th Anti-Aircraft (AW) Artillery Battalion, attached to the 5th Army.

Personal Characteristics

Walter was more than six feet tall, weighed about one hundred eighty-five pounds, had sandy hair, blue eyes and a pleasing manner.

He liked fishing the best of all the sports, but he also played some baseball. Mechanical drawing was a major interest with him and he spent many happy hours with it. He also liked to tinker with motors and showed an aptitude for all kinds of work with machinery.

Walter was a good soldier as attested by a letter from Captain Richard D. Kern commanding Battery C, who wrote as follows:

"Walter's death was a grievous loss to all of us. He was highly respected by his associates as an excellent soldier, loyal and understanding. His pleasant personality and willingness to co-operate made him an invaluable man. He took great pride in his work and deservedly so. His character and desire to serve made his friendship highly prized by all who knew him."

Walter made the supreme sacrifice for his country. A fine young man is gone from Kalamazoo. He was earnest, tender and affectionate in his home life and beloved by the neighbors and all who knew him.

William Walter Harding, a gentleman and a Private loyal soldier, sleeps on foreign soil, but he lives in the hearts of his many friends and loved ones in Kalamazoo.

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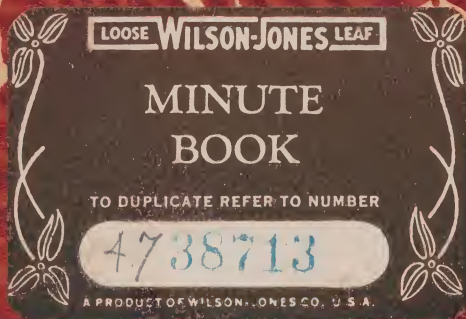
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work and his service to the country and
he will be missed by all who knew him."

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He was sincere, tender and affectionate in his home
life and beloved by his neighbors and all who knew
him.

Walter's father, Richard, a gentleman and a
private loyal soldier always in foreign soil, but
he lives in the hearts of his many friends and loved
ones in England.





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